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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Programme of work in population for the biennium 1996-1997

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission on Population and Development had before it, for information, the proposed programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 1996-1997 of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis. The proposed programme had been prepared under the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253.

2. The Commission on Population and Development has before it for consideration at its current session the programme of work in population for the biennium 1996-1997, as reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee, and as approved by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session. However, adjustments had to be made to take into account the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, March 1995) 1/ and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, September 1995), 2/ as well as other relevant considerations, including the general measures taken by the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization. Details of the programme of work, which reflect those adjustments, are contained in document E/CN.9/1996/CRP.1.

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3. The programme of work has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the World Population Plan of Action, 3/ General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX), 3345 (XXIX) and 39/228 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/7, 1989/92 and 1991/92, and within the framework of chapter 18 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 45/253 and later revised at its forty-seventh session (A/47/6/Rev.1). It also follows upon the work programme approved by the Council in resolutions 1979/33, 1981/29, 1984/4, 1985/5, 1987/71, 1989/93, 1991/92 and 1994/2 and decision 1995/236, and takes into account the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994, 4/ and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 49/128.

4. The programme of work has been designed to undertake follow-up activities relating to the International Conference on Population and Development, to carry out research of the highest priority at the global level, to disseminate research findings in the most effective manner possible and to provide substantive support for technical cooperation projects in the field of population. Priorities are set within the framework of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and decision 1995/1 5/ of the Commission on Population and Development at its twenty-eighth session on follow-up to the Conference. The programme of work is closely guided by decision 1995/2 6/ of the Commission at its twenty-eighth session on programme questions.

Notes

1/ See Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (A/CONF.166/9).

2/ See Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (A/CONF.177/20 and Add.1).

3/ Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, 1974, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.XIII.3), chap. I.

4/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1.

5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/7), chap. I, sect. B.

6/ Ibid.